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SNARS COVID-19 FUN STUFF

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Formerly SNARS Coronavirus Bored as Hell Antidote!

RADIO REVIEW:

THE BELKA DSP RADIO

Smaller is better when you're talking about the features in the BELKA DSP receiver. I recently bought one from Boris LZ2JR and his company Mobimax.bg. WOW - this is not a toy! I've used it against my IC7300, TX 500 and my IC706 for starters!



<https://www.mobimax.bg/en/BELKA-DSP-shortwave-receiver>

3.5 - 30 MHz. Enough audio for an out board speaker . Manual -

<https://swling.com/blog/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Belka-DSP-manual-english.pdf>

This past week there is a new model BELKA DX(same size) 1.5 - 31MHz. With optional built in speaker. <https://radioaficion.com/news/belka-dsp-receiver/> Great company to deal with This is a fun radio !

RADIO HISTORY: HAM RADIO OUTLET (HRO) - The largest amateur radio dealer in the world with 12 retail stores. The founder Robert J Ferrero W6RJ, through hard work Bob built a strong team and company! His son Robert W6KR



now runs the company out of headquarters in Walnut Creek, Ca. Sadly Bob passed in 2015.

Ham Radio Outlet - A Brief History

In 1971, a California Highway Patrol officer and veteran of the Navy signal corps, who happened to be a **ham**, came into possession of a little **radio** emporium on a wooden train platform in Burlingame, CA. ... Welcome to **Ham Radio Outlet**. There was a group of us on 80 meters very early in the morning working DX during the winter. This took place for many enjoyable years and I have some

fond memories of it! Most of the group are silent keys now

Bob took part in several DXpeditions, including the first DXpeditions to Kingman Reef in 1974 and to the Austral and Marquesas Islands (FO0FI and FO0FR). He also operated as 9J2RA, TJ1GB, and W6RJ/Z2, as well as from HZ1AB in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Ferrero was inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame in 1997 and into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame in 2005. He was a member of the A1 Operators Club. In 2009, the editors of CQ, in conjunction with the Visalia DX Convention, recognized Ferrero "for his many contributions to Amateur Radio." He was among the initial patrons and a significant supporter of the Northern California DX Foundation (**NCDXF**). Under Robert's leadership the company is continuing to grow and expand into new markets. Please support this great company

HOW TO: ELMERS -

What are they and why do we need them. When I started in amateur radio as a kid a friend who went to HS with my father, Merrill Budlong W1MB



(W1QLD), was running classes at his home for novice license . Learning about circuits, how to solder, Morse code, rules, building kits, etc. I wouldn't be where I am in amateur radio without the help of my Elmer! Please look at his amazing life:

<http://soldersmoke.blogspot.com/2011/07/more-on-merrill-budlong-w1mb.html>

The experienced hams should take a new ham under their wing and help them succeed in our great hobby!

<https://www.onallbands.com/word-of-the-day-elmer-why-do-we-call-a-ham-radio-mentor-elmer/>

<https://www.kb6nu.com/21-things-to-do-find-an-elmer-2/>

Stay tuned,

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